

fishing boat *Eureka*, 12 miles south of Maud's Landing in the preceding month.

On examination they proved to be specimens of the Runner (*Elagatis bipinnulatus*), a species new to the Western Australian list and apparently rare in Australian seas. The larger specimen measured 735 mm. (29 in.) in total length and weighed 5½ lb. The smaller was 665 mm. and weighed 4 lb. 4 oz. Both had only 5 spines in the anterior dorsal fin.

The species was first described in 1825 by the French naturalists Quoy and Gaimard from a specimen collected by them in New Guinea waters during Louis de Freycinet's voyage of discovery in the *Uranie* and *Physicienne*.

—L. GLAUERT, W.A. Museum, Perth.

Marsh Terns at Forrest.—On October 30, 1948, the Museum received a specimen of the Marsh Tern (*Chlidonias hybrida*) from Mr. W. S. Moodie, of Forrest, on the Nullabor Plain. In subsequent correspondence Mr. Moodie stated that residents agreed "that there were many flocks of hundreds if not thousands of birds flying over during the period October 12 to 26". The birds were flying in several directions so that it would seem that they were seeking a suitable locality in place of one they had left, presumably owing to deteriorating conditions. The specimen received at the Museum was a male, with testes slightly enlarged, but in non-breeding plumage. The under-parts were white; forehead white, speckled with black towards the crown, which was black slightly speckled with white. Length, in the flesh, 238 mm.; wing, 221 mm.; culmen, 29.5 mm.; tarsus, 23 mm.; tail, 81 mm.

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Use of Green Foliage for Nest Lining by *Podargus strigoides*.—A nest of a Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*), located in a York gum at Caron on August 22, 1948, was kept under intermittent observation until September 6, on which date the nest was found on the ground under the tree with the broken shell of one, or perhaps two, eggs. The nest, which was six inches in diameter and four inches deep, contained green foliage of the hop (*Dononaea inequifolia*) and dead foliage of the same sort which had probably been incorporated in the nest while fresh. The nearest shrub from which the foliage could have been taken was sixteen yards from the nest and there was an extensive hop thicket at a distance of forty yards. These shrubs were from one to nine feet high. Foliage could have been obtained by a bird resting on the ground.

—ERIC H. SEDGWICK, Caron.

150th Anniversary of Capt. Vancouver's Burial.—The associations of Capt. George Vancouver with Western Australia were called to mind on May 18, when the 150th anniversary of the navigator's burial was marked by a tree-planting ceremony in the